Assateague Island National Seashore News Release

For Immediate Release

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Update #3 - Assateague Island National Seashore Reopening

Berlin, MD – Assateague Island National Seashore is reopening some of its facilities in both the Maryland and Virginia districts after the recent coastal storms.

The following areas are open in the Maryland district:

- Assateague Island Visitor Center

- Life of the Marsh, Forest and Dunes Nature trails

- North Ocean Beach and South Ocean Beach parking areas

- Bayside Road to the picnic area is open, however there are no picnic tables

- Old Ferry Landing

- U.S. Life-Saving Service Boathouse Parking Lot

- Most of Bayside campground opens Wednesday, October 7

- Most of Oceanside drive-in Loop 2 will open Saturday, October 10

The following areas in the Maryland district will remain closed until further notice:

- The Over-Sand Vehicle zone

- All hunting is suspended

- Backcountry campsites

- Group sites, Oceanside drive-in Loop 1 and Oceanside walk-in sites. If you have a reservation affected by the closures you will be refunded in full by the reservation company, Recreation.gov. Alternative camping information can be found at Maryland's Beach and Beyond-Worcester County tourism website or call 800-852-0335.

The following areas in the Virginia district are open:

- Toms Cove Visitor Center – National Park Service

- Herbert H. Bateman Educational Center – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

- Parking Lot #2 (approximately 150 spaces)

- Parking Lot #1 will open by the weekend

- Wildlife Loop and Woodland Trail

- Assateague Lighthouse will be open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays

The following areas in the Virginia district will remain closed until further notice:

- The Over-Sand Vehicle zone

- Parking Lot #3 and Parking Lot #4

We are continuing with our recovery efforts and appreciate your patience at this time.

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